IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE MBHB Case No. 05-171

| IN THE APPLICATION OF: | |) | | |
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| Thomas Farrell et al. | |) | | |
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the non-final Office Action mailed on August 4, 2008 as follows, with

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